LYMAN HAYNES LOW.

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Numismatic Headlights. No. 1.

Lyman Haynes Low.

THE subject of this brief sketch is a descendent of very early New England stock, his great grandfather having been born at Cape Ann in 1720. His grandfather added new honor to the family by creditable service in the American army during the Revolution, as the records of the Adjutant Generals Office of Massachusetts show. Mr. Low was born in Vernon Place, Charter Street, Boston, Mass., on the twenty-second of July 1844, but shortly after his birth, his parents removed to Chelsea, where the uneventful days of his early youth were quickly passed.

When the War of the Rebellion broke out, fired by the patriotic spirit which sent so many of our young men to the front, he enlisted in the army, April 22d 1861, although at that time scarcely seventeen years of age. He served in Co. B, 13th Mass. Volunteers until 1864, when he was mustered out on the anniversary of his twentieth birthday, and is now a member of the Alexander Hamilton Post G. A. R., New York City. Upon his honorable discharge he devoted his attention to the wholesale dry-goods business and, as a commercial traveler from 1865 to 1883, he traversed the country, his journeys extending from Halifax, N. S., to the Missouri River; from St. Paul to New Orleans. In 1870 he finally settled in New York, where he was married in 1874, and in 1878, amidst the cares and pressure of his business life, he found time to devote anew his attention to the collecting of coins, a pursuit for which he had, already as early as 1856, shown a special preference.

In 1883 he manifested his devotion to the study of numismatics by making the purchase and sale of coins his exclusive business. His knowledge of this important branch of historical research is generally and deservedly recognized, few of our American collectors having larger experience or putting it to better service. He has twice crossed the ocean, and visited the principal cities of Europe, and enjoys the personal acquaintance of the prominent numismatists abroad.

Mr. Low is a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, of which he has been Librarian since 1885; the London Numismatic Society and a Corresponding member of the Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society. He is also associate editor with W. T. R. Marvin, of the American Journal of Numismatics.

The new United States Coins.

The Secretary of the Treasury, has approved the new designs for our silver half and quarter dollars and dimes.

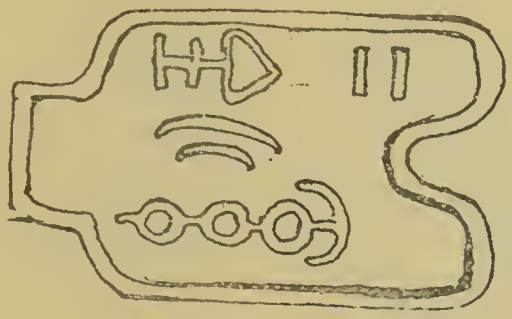
The treasury department furnishes us the following description; our engraver has failed in furnishing us our intended illustration.

On the obverse, Head of Liberty looking to the right; olive wreath around the head and Phrygian cap on the back; on the band or fillet over the front is inscribed, "Liberty," and encircling the medallion are 13 stars to represent the 13 original states, directly over the head at the top of the coin, is the legend "In God We Trust," and beneath the bust the date.

On the reverse appears the seal of the United States, as adopted in 1782, represented by an eagle with open wings, on the breast a shield, and in dexter claw an olive branch and in sinister claw a sheaf of arrows, representative of peace and war. In its beak the eagle holds a scroll with the motto "E Pluribus Unum," ensigned above and about the head with 13 stars, environed by clouds.

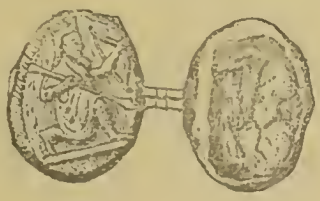
The Earliest Coins.

WE HAVE thus seen that the earliest coinage was about the seventh century B. C.; and so rapidly did this new invention spread, that three centuries later, the whole civilized world had taken up the idea and coins were being struck in enormous quantities, by nations, cities, rulers, pretenders and families.



MERCHANDISE MONEY OF T'AI HAO. 2853 B. C.

China lays claim to the earliest coined money, even going back over 2800 years before the Christian Era. There can be no doubt but that strange shaped pieces of metal passed current, in China, at fixed value before coins were known elsewhere, but before we can give them the great antiquity claimed for them, we must have a better knowledge of Chinese history and methods of computing time.



Persian DARIC OF DARIUS 521–485 B. C.

Persia used coin at an early date, and the gold and silver "daries" of Darius are yet found among her shifting sands and ancient places in good state of preservation. It is said that the Persian king, Cambyses, first introduced coined

money into Egypt at the time of the conquest about 529 B. C., but it is not until the time of Alexander, who established mints in Egypt, do we find any record of coins struck in this country.

On the death of Alexander, his kingdom was divided by his generals among themselves; and the coins of Ptolemy, Seleucus, Antipater, Lysimachus and their successors, form exceedingly interesting lines of study for numismatists.

Didrachm of PTOLEMÆUS I SOTER. B. C. 323–285

In Egypt, from the time of Ptolemæus I, down to the celebrated queen Cleopatra, a period of 300 years, we have an unbroken line of coins, the most historic and celebrated series of the period.

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The Coins of the Mantchu Dynasty of China.

Reverses

The inscriptions on the reverses of Chinese coins are in three languages; *Chinese*, *Mantchu*, and *Turki*. On the same place as *Paou* on the obverse is 通 *tung* (current) in Mantchu, and on the opposite side 宝 are Mantchu letters expressing the name of the Mint.

If the mint name is in both Chinese and Mantchu; the Chinese character is in the same place as *tung* on the obverse, and the Mantchu letters are in the same place as *paou*. If the mint name is only in Chinese, the character is placed on the top or on one of the sides of the square hole.

The following table will prove a valuable aid in identifying these coin by provinces.

CHINESE.		MANTCHU.		PROVINCE.	CITY.
戶	Hu.		Chiowan.	Chih li.	Peking, the Board of Revenue and trade.
工	Kung.		Yuwan	"	do.
			Chi.	"	Pao ting fu.
薊	Ki.		Ki	"	Chi chou,
			Tsi.	Shan tung.	Tsi nan fu.
蘇	Su.		Su.	Chiang su.	Su chou fu.
浙	Che.		Che.	Che chiang.	Hang chou fu.
昌	Chang.		Chang.	Kiang si.	Nan chang fu.
福	Fu.		Fu.	Fu kien.	Fu chou fu.
河	Ho.		Ho.	Ho nan.	Kai feng fu.

CHINESE.		MANTCHU.		PROVINCE.	CITY.
原	Yuan.		Chin.	Shan si.	Tai yuan fu.
陝	Shan.		Shan.	Shen si.	Si ngan fu.
桂	Kui.		Kui.	Kuang si.	Kuei lin fu.
			Chuwan.	Ssu Chuan.	Cheng tu fu.
雲	Yun.		Yon.	Yun nan.	Yun nan fu.
云	"			do	do

J. A. BRUDIN.

(To be continued.)

The largest collection of coins in the world is in the Public Cabinet at Vienna, numbering over 125,000 specimens. The foundation of this cabinet was laid by the Emperor Rudolph II of Germany.

The finest collection in England is in the British Museum, where an immense number of coins are carefully classified in five great divisions, viz: Greek, Roman, Mediaeval and Modern, English, and Oriental. The collection of Dr. Hunter, now at Glasgow, cost upwards of $105,000,00. That of Mr. Thomas, another numismatist, was sold after his death for $86,520. That of the Earl of Pembroke for, $29,525. That of Lord Northwick for, $45,690; and that of the Earl of Devon for, $34,725.

JOS HOOPER.

Communications &c.

Waltham Mass. Nov. 12th.

Dear Sir.

We have within a weeks time received two 1853 quarter counterfeits; one made from an 1858 by changing the 8 to a 3, the other was from the regular 1853, with rays and arrow points cut away, both pieces being "acidized" to hide the marks of the graver. No doubt they were the work of the same artist and a good job. We do not know whether the owners were deceived in these pieces or not, but we can say, judging from prices, that they were sent out for straight goods.

There is one thing the A. N. A. should make it a point to do, that is to discourage and depreciate the traffic in altered dates, counterfeitt, electrotypes, plated pieces etc. Many collectors in the past have encouraged the sale of copies and fabrications by buying such pieces at a price that has a tendency to encourage such trade. Such coin collecting should be left entirely with the U. S. Government without infringement, for they have a patent on this branch of the business and no true numismatist will wish to have it otherwise.

Respectfully,

O. W. Page.

Probably one of the best known of the English Numismatic dealers, on this side, is the firm of Spink & Son, of London, comprising the Messrs Samuel M., and Charles F. Spink. These gentlemen are both applicants for membership in the A. N. A.

Frossards 109th Sale, referred to on page 13, will take place the 22d of December.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, writes: "Could not a scheme be arranged whereby the A. N. A. could be represented at Chicago during the Worlds Fair? I think the members would loan series of coins from their cabinets for this purpose, and that it would do the Association more good than any other one thing."

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

List No. 13.

For the following list of names of Canadian collectors, not before published in our Directory, the editor is indebted to Messrs., P. C. Jones and Joseph Hooper.

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294 Boucher, A. J. 1622 Notre Dame St.
5 Baridon, L. R. 1703 Saint Catherine St.
6 Baby, Hon. Judge G. 77 Mansfield St.
7 Breton, P. N. 1664 Saint Catherine St.
8 Brisset, Rev. H. 267 Center Point Saint Charles.
9 Cardinal, E. A. 199 Chatham St.
300 Carrier, Rev. J. C. St Laurient College St Laurient.
1 Desjardins, Sergeant A. 1159 Ontario St.
2 Desjardins, D. 1543 Saint Catherine St.
3 Desroches, A. 188 Sanguinet St
4 Drysdale, W. 232 Saint James St.
5 Hart, Gerald E. 197 " "
6 Lacroix, A. D. 146 Saint Andre St.
7 Lambert, A. 7 Cherrier St
8 Laurion, Jos. 145 Amherst St.
9 Lemay, E. 147 " "
310 Lewis, W. H. 262½ " "
1 Labrecque, J. O. 267 " "
2 Loiselle, L. Alph. 221 Berri St.
3 Leroux, Dr. Joseph. 293 Richmond St.
4 Mc Lachlin, R. W, 55 Saint Monique St.
5 Marler, R. G. 1721 Notre Dame St.
6 Mocock, J. F. Cote Saint Paul, (near Montreal.)
7 Plimsoll, 17 Saint John St.
8 Reid, James. 164 Sanguinet St.

9 Sontar, Robert. 109 Bleury St.

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2 Brimer, F J. 210 Young St.
3 Bronsdon, J H. 676 Yonge St.
4 Joseph, F F. Box 408.
5 Scaddon, Rev Henry.

OTTAWA.

6 Campeau, F R E, Department of Interior.
7 Casault, L J. Library of Parliament.
8 Dale, Richard. Office *Canada Atlantic.*
9 Peachy, Eugene. Dep't Public Printing

330 Dean, Harry A Bank of Montreal Bellevillle Ont.
1 Greenleaf, O C. " "
2 Mc Ginness, Thos. Box 555 " "
3 Donley, W H. Owen Sound Ont.
4 Mc Coll, W. " "
5 Spencer, Mr. " "
6 Curtis, G T. Danville Province of Quebec,
7 Carey, F. Box 48 Longuenil do do
8 Williams, R W. Three Rivers do do
9 Tessier, Cyrille. City of Quebec.
340 Bajus, Phil. Kingston Ont.
1 Fraser, Harold. Brockville "
2 Fraser, Wm. Arnprior "
3 Goodwillie, J M. Newmarket "
4 Goodwillie, Rev. J M. North Bay "
5 Moon, Albert. Madoc "
6 Price, David. Aylmer "
7 Robertson, Miss. Port Hope "
8 Wilson, Thos. Clarence "
9 Calder, W J. Windsor Nova Scotia.
350 Francis, J H. Halifax do
2 Camber, W D. Woodstock New Brunswick.
3 Howell, E J. Fredericton do

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Our foreign list is growing nicely.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

If we have to keep on enlarging, remember it is not our fault, but that of our advertisers and contributors; we just have to do it, or *-bust.*

Mr. H. B. Thompson an employee of the B & M R. R. and living at Malden Mass., was lately struck by a moving train and killed. Mr Thompson was a promising collector of coins and extremely well posted in the science.

And this reminds us of a fact not generally known, that the Hon. Henry W. Lord, late of Detroit, formerly a M. C. ex Consul to Manchester Eng. &c, &c, and who was within the year killed by a moving train on the U. P. R. R., was also an ardent student of numismatics.

Dr. B. P. Wright of Syracuse N. Y., undoubtedly has one of the finest collections of coin in Central New York. He is the deserving and meritorious possessor of the celebrated Sully Medal.

We are in receipt of the *Spy Glass* a very bright and interesting monthly devoted to general collecting, and published by Roy F. Greene Arkansas City Kas. A portion of its space is given to numismatic matters.

Two new aspirants for fame, have shied their casters into the numismatic arena, and will soon be in possession of the Arcana which admits to the Seventh Heaven. We hasten to extend our ☞ to the *Coin & Stamp*, and the *Coin Collector's Journal*, and refer our readers to our advertising columns for fuller particulars.

Notes and Queries

THE NUMISMATIST tells ye true,
Ye learned, ye wise, ye great, ye small.
Far better to have aimed and missed,
Than never to have fired at all.

A few years since I bought at an auction sale, a large Chinese coin catalogued as of Tscho-toung 1093-97 A. D. I notice in your magazine on page 86, that Mr. Brudin describes my piece exactly as a *heavy* coin of Hsien Feng period 1851-61. Which is right? Vindex.

Mr. Brudin is right.

Is there an 1804 dollar? Sometimes I read that there is and again I read that none were ever coined. I am all at sea in the matter. Sol. D-

Yes there are 1804 dollars; but were you to ask us if any were struck in that year bearing date 1804, we would be inclined to say no. And yet, we too are "at sea" in the matter.

In reply to John R.- St. Louis, permit me to state, that his No. 2 has occasioned considerable discussion. I have looked it up with care, having one in my own collection. I find it called a Token Jeton and Card. It is my belief that it is a Columbia Token. B. P. Wright.

Dr. Wright gives good reasons for the faith within him, and refers to Woolwar.l's Fifth Semi-annual Sale where the piece is catalogued under "Scarce Medalets" etc. No. 2178 Negro Maximus etc, also, in No. 1545 of the Stenz Collection, Sale May 17- 1875, it is described as a Columbia (S. A.) farthing, and as "exceedingly rare." The following, however, seems to us conclusive.

I notice in the NUMISMATIST received to day the queries of John S.- No. 1 is a coin of Naples and Sicily under Chas V, (1st of Spain) 1550-54. The reverse has the Jerusalem cross.

No. 2. The following is a translation from Vanhende Numismatique Lilloise 1858, in which work it figures as No. 2081. "In 1827 there appeared a little copper coin curious and entirely new. On the appearance of this piece a rumor was circulated that it had been struck by one of our metal

dealers. The investigations made at his establishment do not show anything that would compromise him. However, the people supposed that the head represented the Duke of Reischtad and some political propaganda was involved in the affair. The truth is, that a merchant of Liege had sold to a Mr. M.– 4000 francs worth of these Liards, 320.000 of which were easily absorbed among the many foreign pieces that we find in circulation. Thus it was at Lille that this coin was first circulated, and notwithstanding it is of Belgian origin, we thought it advisable to add it to our designs."

No. 3 belongs to Mantua, Fred. II 1519–40. The inscription is probably FE. II. MANTVAE DUX V (or IIIII). The reverse has the word OLYMPOS. Lyamn H. Low.

Is it expected that your readers have to learn those obverses on the Mantchu coins, pages 85–86? Answer quick!

Alfred L. H. - South Bend.

Not necesssarily. If you will get the "reverses" in this number "down fine" you will be entitled to the Medal.

In regards to the query of R. A..— Dublin we have the following:

I have not come to the 1817 yet, but in sorting out a lot noticed one with small break on top of head. This is a scarce variety, though it has often been noted in works and catalogues, and no doubt the subject on which our friends base their romance. Ed. Frossard.

In referring to the same query, Mr. Low says, "It is safe to say that story from the clipping may be put down as a 'yarn'."

Auction Sales &c.

Steigerwalt had a distribution sale of 500 lots of U. S. Washington, and Colonial Coins on Nov. 19th.

H. A. Dean, of Belleville Ont., had a Distribution Sale of a miscellaneous collection on Dec. 1st.

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The Secretary informs us that the Constitution and Bi-Laws are liable to turn up any minute.

The following are anxiously watching the playful antics of the goat, preparatory to a closer acquaintance.

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H. E. Morey, 31 Exchange St, Boston Mass., in some unexplicable manner got lost in the Convention shuffle. The Secretary has hung him up on peg No. 61 among the Charter Members, and when Gabriel blows his horn, No. 61 will find himself in good company, providing he remains faithful.

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PERFECTION should ever be the aim of the collector in making selections of material for his Cabinet.

Coins are graded as to condition, and the following terms thereto applied.

I "Mint Brilliant Proofs," or first strikes on planchets, especially prepared for numismatic purposes.

II "Mint Proofs," on ordinary prepared planchets. Brushing Proofs produce what is termed "hay marks" and should never be adopted, the sale value being lowered.

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IV "Extremely Fine."

V "Very Fine."

VI "Fine." Below this condition, unless in extreme rarities, we would not recommend the bidding on at Auction Sales.

VII "Very Good."

VIII "Good." The latter conditions as described in the Sales are often disappointing, the terms applied misleading, until understood, being used by dealers to describe to a certain state of preservation.

IX "Very Fair."

X "Fair."

XI "Poor."

XII "Very Poor."

While specimens in the lower order of conditions are

better than none at all, still the aim of the collector should never be below VI or Fine. On account of distance, the large majority of collectors cannot attend Sales, and have to be guided by descriptions as given in the Sale Catalogues, and for this reason, if no other, extreme care should be exercised by the cataloguer in making it a true description of the coins to be sold.

(To be continued.)

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According to the inscription on the reverse of these coins, they may be divided into eight different types.

TYPE 1. The Standard. With the mint name in Mantchu in the same place as III on a clock, and *paou* on the opposite side of the square hole. About 200 specimens, and 12 denominations.

TYPE 2. With Chinese mint name in the same place as the Mantchu in Type 1, and the same in Mantchu on the opposite side of the square hole. Over 50 specimens.

TYPE 3. With the Chinese mint name like Type 2 and *Yih Li*, (*One Li*) on the opposite side. 8 specimens,

TYPE 4. With mint name in Chinese on the top of the square hole. 15 specimens

TYPE 5. With the mint name in Chinese in the same place as III on a clock. 11 specimens.

TYPE 6. With the mint name in Chinese in the same place as IX on a clock. 1 specimen.

TYPE 7. With the mint name on both sides of the square hole. 1 specimen.

TYPE 8. With the mint name in Mantchu in the same place as IX on a clock, and the same in Turki on the opposite side of the square hole. 24 specimens.

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Keep your eyes on the list of applicants and you cannot fail to notice that we are getting in some extra good material. Storer, Steigerwalt, Low, Marks, Greany, Howorth, Heaton, Wright and other prominent numismatists are on deck The A. N. A. is all right.

Arrangements have been made so that all *paid up* members shall receive THE NUMISMATIST and *Plain Talk* at the expense of the Association, as soon as their several subscriptions shall expire.

The Treasurer states on Jan. 28th, that the following Charter Members had not paid their dues to him, Nos. 7,10 13,17,20,23,27,30,31,33,39,42,48,49,51,53,57,58 & 61,

Copies of the Constitution & By-Laws are now in the hands of all the members. It is a well gotten up pamphlet

of twenty pages of reading matter. The supplementary fifteen pages of advertisements, add rather than detract to the value of the work, and serve a double purpose; illustrating as they do the liberality and enterprise of our dealers, and enabling the publication of the work at no expense to the Association. The names and addresses of the sixty-one Charter Members are also given. It is Official Publication No. 1, and a credit both to the Secretary and the Association. Copies may be had on request by enclosing a two cent stamp to either Secretary Tatman, or our editor.

No. 27 has paid in.

We believe it was our worthy President who addressed his letter to, "J. A. Cullom, Heckelman Ill." and until the "10 days" expired was wondering why the —— —— —— didn't answer his letter.

"Last but not least." The following became members of the Association February First.

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Our thanks are due Messrs Page, Rode, Hooper, *et al*, for clippings etc.

"The Queer Shaped Coins of Asia," was the subject of an interesting paper read before the Am. Numis. & Arch. Society, by Mr. Banman L. Belden on January 28th.

A Prince of the House of NUMISMA has fallen. Mr. W. Elliot Woodward, died at his home in Roxbury Mass. on the Fifth of January, at the age of 61. One by one our brightest lights go out to be relit upon that distant shore.

The cents in the Bennell Sale went up out of sight. The most of us weren't "in it" The prices realized proved, that it is a good thing to have a supply of good 'cents', as well as good 'sense' in store.

The Chapmans announce the King Sale this month and the Ramsden and Giles Sales later. We shall offer about fifty lots of coins to the highest bidders in our next issue

The Chicago Coin Exchange has removed to new and commodious quarters 43 E. Van Buren St. where they hope to receive a liberal share of the trade. Their house lately suffered a loss of about $300., by burglary. Mr. Wm Rowley is the local Manager.

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OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

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Numismatic Headlights No. 2.

SAMUEL HUDSON CHAPMAN.

WE PRESENT to our increasing army of readers this month, the portrait of the Librarian of the A. N. A., Samuel Hudson Chapman, who was born July 15th 1857, being the eldest son of Henry and Jane Hudson Chapman, members of the Society of Friends. He was educated at Friends School and being a dilligent student was generally at the head of his classes.

In 1867 he began the collection of postage stamps which, under the encouraging interest of his mother, (who was a collector herself since childhood, of sea shells, and other beautiful works of nature.) it assumed respectable proportions, until now, it has become very valuable, it speaks well for his love of collecting, that he still possesses the original album and collection. 1876 found him in the employment of Mr. John W. Haseltine of Philadelphia, (one of the most courteous and honorable dealers of his day, but who has for some years past entirely relinquished the business to engage in that of stock brokering in New York.) He quickly became proficient in knowledge and took complete charge of the Department of Ancient Greek and Roman coins, to which series he has largely devoted his time and talents until now he is esteemed one of, if not the best, experts in America. The European dealers have frequently complimented him on his knowledge of numismatics. Mr. Chapman does not confine his abilities to ancient coins alone, but gives his attention to every series.

June 1878 was an important epoch in his life, opening as he was into manhood and with a laudable ambition of bettering his prospects, he joined with himself his only brother Henry Chapman Jr, and established the Numismatic House of S. H. & H. Chapman, which is so favorably known the numismatic world over, for honest and upright dealing with everyone. Just after starting in business for themselves

he attended the sales of the celebrated Mickley and Root collections, and astonished his older friends in the business by his conrage and foresight in purchasing largely of the highest rarities and finest pieces. Year after year finds the firm buying heavily at all sales, and it is safe to say, that since they have been in business, their house has handled a quarter of a million dollars worth of coins,

Through his energies the great Bushnell collection was placed in their hands, and it established them as the catalogners and sellers of large collections, as that catalogue surpassed any others issued, for correct description and arrangement of the various coins and medals, and for the fairness with which they were described. The most noted collections catalogued and sold by the firm have been the Bushnell ($13,950), Cleneay ($16,005,50), Warner ($7,500), Boeing ($4,500), Haines, Bridgman, Bispham and Lefferts collections, besides many of less celebrity. Three trips to Europe of nine, five and four months each, have made him familiar with the collections in the British Museum and in the National Collection at Paris, where he last summer spent much time in the study of the finest Greek coins; besides, he has examined private collections and has purchased largely from the various dealers. Mr. Chapmans love for study and research, has been largely instrumental in the forming of the finest Numismatic library that probably exists to day in America, and his information and knowledge is always cheerfully given to collectors.

Like many other numismatists, he is married only to the science, consequently can give his attention to his "hobby" undisturbed. He has no side business to engage his time, unless it be when a 'subject' for photographing happens along as he is a successful amateur in that line.

After the decease of his mother in May last, he went abroad spending four months in traveling through England, Scotland, Ireland and France, returning home early in October.

The new Coins of the United States.

We give herewith an illustration of the new half dollar, mentioned in THE NUMISMATIST last month. The quarter has a similar design. The dime has the same head as the higher denominations; the stars being replaced by the inscription, "United States of America," and the motto "In God We Trust" omitted. The reverse of the dime has not been changed.

These pieces have, by this time, been in the hands of our readers. The mechanical work is all that could be desired, and it is probable, that owing to the conventional rut in which our Mint authorities seem obliged to keep, that it is the best that could be done,–for after all they are not gotten up for the collector, but for general barter,– but to the numismatist or lover of the beautiful in design and art, they will be but another disappointment, hardly noticable now because expected, and we are getting so used to them.

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In Canadian Religious Medals there are seventyfive varieties of St. Ann de Beaupre, alone.

The derivation of the word Dollar is from the German Thal (valley) and came into use in this way, some three hundred years ago. There is a little silver mining city or district in northern Bohemia called Joachimsthal or Joachim's Valley. The reigning Duke of the region authorized this city, in the sixteenth century, to coin a silver piece which

was called "Joachimsthaler." The word Joachim was soon dropped and the name "thaler" retained. The piece went into general use in Germany and also in Denmark, where the name was changed to "daler," whence it came into English, and was adopted by our forefathers with the slight modification in the spelling. JOS. HOOPER.

There was no lack of gold and silver in the early days of coinage. The sands of the Pactolus were rich in gold and the mines of Crenides yielded Philip II of Macedon over $12,000,000., of gold annually.

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PROFESSOR ED. FROSSARD, the subject of this sketch, is a cultured man of fine physical appearance now fifty-four years of age. Born near Lake Leman, in Switzerland, he received a good collegiate education and came to the United States when he was twenty years of age. He was professor of languages at the Bonrsand Academy, Brooklyn in 1861, when the war broke out. Himself and two younger brothers immediately joined the volunteer service; one of these, Adolph, died from wounds received in the Shenandoah Valley; the other, Engene, eventually became an officer in the regular army, where he served until 1870. Prof. Frossard served with distinction, being several times named in general orders for bravery on the battle-field (*Vide*, Records of the Rebellion, published by the Government,) he was also for six months Judge Advocate of a General Court Martial which sat at Fort Mc Henry, Baltimore. Having been badly crippled in the field, he was obliged to relinquish military life, for which he had decided taste and returned to New York State, where he has since resided.

As a child and youth he had developed remarkable qualities as a collector of seals, minerals, insects and plants, but his talent as a numismatist did not develop until 1872, when he first began collecting American Cents for himself and also on account of Mr. Geo. W. Merritt, the son of a wealthy gentleman who then resided in the riverside palace now owned by Jay Gould at Irvington N. Y. From collecting to dealing in coins is but a step, and Mr. Frossard gradually drifted into the business and for the last fifteen years, has been recognized as one of the principal dealers and numismatic authorities in the States. Prof. Frossard has personally conducted over 100 Auction Sales of Coins and Medals, besides compiling a number of important catalogues for W. E. Woodward, Bangs & Co., H. G. Sampson and others; he is

the author of a monograph on the U. S. Cents and Half Cents, illustrated by the splendid specimens in the Merritt and Parmelee collections; for years he has also published a coin paper *Numisma*, of which numbers still occasionally appear. Mr. Frossard is at present the regular purchasing agent for several of the most important collectors in the country; he also represents many buyers at coin sales in New York and Philadelphia. He is recognized as a very reliable and well informed man, and enjoys the confidence of all those who ever have had business with him. His specialties are rare American coins, Greek and Roman coins, Masonic and Medical medals, silver and gold coins and medals of historical or artistic importance. Of the latter he has purchased, within the last five years, for one cabinet alone, that of a millionaire New York banker, over $15,000., of all countries and ages, thus helping to form, with the previous acquisitions of this gentleman, a collection second to none here, and probably equal to several of the most renowned abroad.

Prof. Frossard has a very large numismatical correspondence, to the details of which he attends personally. Of a rather independent and self-reliant spirit, it is his boast that he has never used the influence of others in seeking business or bought collections for speculative purposes, but that all his business comes to him unsolicited and because those who patronise him have full faith in his integrity and ability and know that he will attend to their interests as if his own. He also prides himself on being the most rapid expert cataloguer in the States, and in proof of this cites the important Montanye collection, numbering 1200 lots which he catalogued for H. G. Sampson, a former New York dealer, within forty-eight hours from the moment he sat down to write the description of the first number, to finish, throwing in title and suitable proem; certainly a creditable piece of quick work, and withal one of the most accurate and interesting of catalogues.

Prof. Frossard is a member of a Masonic Lodge; of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., also of the N. Y. Num. & Arch. Soci-

ety, and a charter member and officer of the American Numismatic Association.

Numismatic Foundation Stones.

THE RARE types of coins etc., gathered in the past from various hoards and finds, have been absorbed by the Cabinets of museums and numismatists until there is scarcely a corner that has not been visited by some persevering, untiring, burrowing collector until the whole continent appears to have been swept and reswept.

The various sales occasioned by death, or retirement due to lack of interest and other causes, give active collectors opportunities to fill series and to place connecting links where needed, and to enrich their cabinets generally; the chances to collect from private hoards growing less year by year, the recurrent sales offer the best available means.

Correct "basic values" of obtainable coins can only be detirmined by the average prices realized at recurrent sales, as illustrated by Major Thorburn in his "Guide to British Coins." The prices quoted by dealers in coin vary, yet to a certain degree are helpful to the beginner, or when the prices are used as a basis of exchange.

The terms applied by numismatists to denote different degrees of rarity are as follows: "Unique;" "excessively rare;" "very rare" and "rare." Some use the numerals 1 to 10, to illustrate the different degrees of rarity.

Considerable capital is often absorbed in bettering conditions, and the buying of hap-hazard lots; care should be taken in first selections. Experience is often costly, especially to beginners in this science. Many have to regret indiscreet investments as above; also in buying in lines outside of your specialty, thus having an incubus on your hands sometimes hard to get rid of, the purchasing power of which might have been used to advantage.

The diameters of coins and medals are given in either the French millimetres, or the American scale sixteen, to the

inch. Thus if a coin or medal is followed by the numerals 32, it signifies that it is 32-16ths, or two inches in diameter, providing the American scale is used.

The following numismatic terms and abbreviations are also used.

Obv.– Obverse; the principal side of the coin, usually bearing the bust.

Rev. Reverse; the under side or back.

M M. Mint mark; a private character placed upon the coin to distinguish its place of issue.

The weight of coins are given in Troy grains. The knowledge of what a coin ought to weigh is often useful in determining whether a doubtful piece is genuine or not.

When the bust is described as looking to the right or left, it is understood as looking to the spectators right or left.

JOS. HOOPER.

(To be continued.)

The circulation of Gold Dust in Montana Territory.

To the great majority of numismatists it will be news, that the circulating medium of Montana during the first few years of her existence as a Territory, following the discovery of gold at Bannock and Virginia City in 1862–3 was gold dust.

Several causes combined to make it so.

1st. The depreciated condition of greenbacks and the distrust in which they were held by the citizens, many if not a majority of whom, were from the Southern States.

2d. The enormous express charges on currency shipped into the Territory. All mail and express came by coach from Omaha, a distance of 1500 miles, and charges on currency were often as high as $75, per $1000.

3d. The abundance of the gold dust itself. Alder Gulch on which Virginia City is situated producing as high as $5,000,000., per annum. So it came that the native gold as it came from the placer mines, became the money of the coun-

try. All contracts were made in gold dust, and when any sum was namedthe amount was understood to be in "dust," usually at a stated price per ounce. There were two classes of dust: Bankable; that from which the sand and other impurities had been so thoroughly removed that it would be accepted by the banks; and Merchantable, containing all the sand which the receiver could be induced to accept.

The former had a value of about $22,50 per ounce; the latter about $18,00. All business houses ,banks, stores, hotels, &c, were provided with gold scales for the purpose of weighing dust, and the customer would hand out his buckskin sack containing his funds to the receiver who would weigh out the proper amount and return the balance. I have before me now an old note (covered with revenue stamps) reading as follows:

Virginia City M. T. Dec. 4th 1866.

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This is a fair sample of the business paper of the Territory from 1862 to 1868 at which latter date greenbacks were substituted at the rate of 85 cents per dollar. Deposits were made in the banks in gold dust and checks drawn payable in the same.

So it follows that while the original currency was gold dust, an original Montana $5,00 gold piece was a gold nugget weighing not quite one fourth of an ounce.

A. J. Bennett. Virginia City Mont.

The first steam coining press was invented by M. Thonnelier, of France in 1833.

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J. A. Heckelman, Cullom Ill.

To Members of the A. N. A.— I take pleasure in informing you that the Exchange Department, after some unexpected delays, is now ready for operation. By-Law IV. f. provides that exchange lots will be sent only to members requesting them and filling out the required guarantee. Blank forms for this purpose will be sent to any member on request to me. Please state your specialties, if any, when making application to join my department. Envelopes for coins &c. to be put upon the circuit, will be furnished at 20 cents per 100, postage eight cents extra, and only coins in such envelopes will be circulated. A separate envelope should be used for each piece, except in the case of sets or where the entire

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49 Fifth Ave. Pittsburg Pa.

If the A. N. A., is represented at Chicago, I will lend some of my rarer coins. Why should not our glorious A. N. A., unite itself in some way with the English Numismatic Association, which has just been founded?

Ph. Whiteway; Mustapha Algiers. Feb. 8th.

I have written to Brother Chapman and all the Library consists of is your paper and *Plain Talk*. It seems to me that the members need a little shaking up in the matter. If each one of us would give something, we might have quite a respectable library. What do you think about it?

W. H. Taylor Union Sta. Baltimore Md.

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Frossard will offer at auction about Apr. 15th the fine collections of Coins & Antiquities of Mr Saltmarsh of Haverhill Mass. Among them is a set of Brunswick Bell Thalers; 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 10 Crown pieces of Brunswick-Lueneberg and an original 1804 over '03 U. S. Dollar.

Steigerwalt has found about 50 unbound copies of his History of U. S., and Colonial Coins. He has put a paper cover on them and offers them at 25 cents a copy. They should not last long,

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Note the Distribution Sale catalogued on our cover. We propose to keep them up for the benefit of collectors.

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"Coin and Currency," was the title of a paper read before the American Numismatic & Archaeological Society by Gen. Charles W. Darling, of Utica N. Y., at a meeting of the society in New York City, on Feb 18th.

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This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

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Paul Bascom.– Please locate these German coin for me.

Obv.- T C P in fancy script, surmounted by a crown.

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Obv.- Griffin erect, with dagger in right claw. K. S. P. L. above.

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Obv. - Erect lion.

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Numismatic Headlights. No. 4.

JOSEPH HOOPER.

THE subject of this brief sketch, Mr. Joseph Hooper, the Vice President of the American Numismatic Association, first saw the light at Plymouth England, Feb. 19th 1833. It is recorded that in this year an unusual meteoric display took place, but it is not even insinuated here, that the two great events had any significance in common. The teething and penny-swallowing periods were passed in safety, and in the manner usual to humanity at this tender age; but later, when nature and he began to assert their rights, he developed a remarkable penchant for old copper coins, and for a time this tendency excited in the minds of his parents the fond thought that perhaps here was an embryonic Rothschild but when later, he began the gathering of and storing of old relics, and had the parental cottage more than half full of the same, they discovered their mistake, sold out what they could, gave away more, and hired the balance taken away, and went to America where there were not so many things *old* and where they could have more room. In September of 1851 he landed in this country and shortly after settled at Port Hope Ont.

It is not related that Mr. Hooper reformed; on the contrary we can readily imagine one so strongly imbued with the love of country, race, and old associations, and reverence for anything old and rare, keeping right on, until the second time his parents remonstrated with him and told him, that either he or they would have to move out the room was getting so crampe l. He did. And right here comes the most re-

markable and paradoxical event of his life. With such a reverence for everything venerable from Pheidon to Phineas, it would seem natural,—yes to be expected,—that he would choose an ancient and antique dame for wife; and here is the evidence of his one glaring inconsistency, he did no such thing; he chose a young, but *good* one. How do we know *good?* A woman who would take a man endowed with such worldly goods, to love, to cherish and obey; who would yearn, and *yearn*, and YEARN, year in and year out, for some consuming fire to rid her sight of these continual reminders of Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel, only to be doomed to continual disappointment, and yet remain faithful, must be *good* and *true*, and possessed of remarkable Christian fortitude.

Mr. Hooper is a type of the *true* numismatist; one who loves the science, *for the science*. His greatest delight is the study and arrangement of his fine cabinet of coins and medals, and he is ever anxious, that, that which gives him so much pleasure, should be shared by others. He has given several highly successful numismatic exhibitions for charitable purposes, and does much to awaken an interest in the science with the young and old; painstaking and methodical, he is full to the brim with enthusiasm in the study. He has contributed more or less to the numismatic and lay press on numismatic subjects; for two years he had charge of the numismatic department of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, and one year in charge of a similar department in a Whitby (Ont.) paper. His contributions in THE NUMISMATIST have been well received and have done much to enhance the popularity of this journal.

Mr. Hooper's special line of collecting is the coins, medals and tokens of the great English speaking or Anglo-Saxon race, and his cabinet contains many unique and rare specimens and is withal one of the finest in the Dominion. His home is a well known and loved oasis for numismatists; the latch string at "Park View" is always out, and many are the

pleasant meetings there and good cheer dispensed, and to be there once always creates a longing to return. The true numismatist is by inheritance, possessed of a kindly nature, and in Mr. Hooper do we find this fully exemplified. To him go the sorrowing, the oppressed, the forlorn, the stricken and the despised of his community, and in him are they sure to find help and sympathy.

Were not our subject an extremely modest man (like all numismatists) we might speak of his forty years of successful mercantile life; the life that develops the highest type of man; the highest type of numismatic character; but he seeks no loftier standard, no higher eulogy, than to be a true numismatist, and a help to the sorrowing and the distressed. These be his "hobbies."

The knowledge of coins is absolutely necessary to those who desire to study history thoroughly; for history is not to be learned in books alone, which do not say always everything, nor always the truth. We must, then, have recourse to documents which justify it, and which have not been affected either by malice or ignorance; and such documents are coins. We learn by them thousands of things equally important and interesting which are not to be found elswhere.

ROLLIN.

It is not generally known that the rarest portraits of famous heroes are found upon coins and medals. The historian especially the historic artist, is indebted to this source alone for the portraits of Alexander, Ptolemy, Cleopatra, Cæsar, Mark Antony, and many other celebrities. Perhaps the valuation of a rare coin or medal may be estimated by reference to one piece in the Philadelphia Mint. It is an Egyptian coin as large as a half-eagle, and has on the obverse the head of the wife of Ptolemy—Arsinoe—the only portrait of her yet discovered. EVANS.

If there were no other record of Hadrian, his career would be found written upon the coins of his reign. GIBBON.

The Coins of the Mantchu Dynasty of China.

(Continued from page 6.)

CHINESE.		MANTCHU.		PROVINCE.	CITY.
乾	Chien.		Kiyan.	Kuei chou.	Kuei yang fu. Ta ting fu.
南	Nan.		Nan.	Hu nan.	Chang cha fu.
東	Tung.		Tung.	Yun nan.	Tung chuan fu
迪			Ti.	Kan su.	Ti hua chou. (Urumtsi.)
	Kwang.		Kuwang.	Kuangtung.	Kuang chen fu
臨	Lin.		Lin.	Shan tung.	Lin tsing chen.
宣			Sioan.	Chih li.	Sinan fu.
			Fu.	Fu chien.	
同	Tung.		Tong.	Shan si.	Tai tung fu.

CHINESE.	MANTCHU.	PROVINCE.	CITY.
江 Kian.		Chiang su	Kian ning fu.
寧 Ning.		Che chiang	Ning po fu.
臺 Tai.			Tai wan fu. (Formosa.)

The following examples will illustrate the facility with which the coins of this dynasty may be located.

On the right of this coin we find in Chinese, *Che*; on the left in Mantchu a character meaning the same. Refering now to table on page 5 we find that it belongs to the city of Hang chou fu. of the province of Che chiang.

Here we have a specimen of Type I; inscriptions in Mantchu on both sides, *paou-Che*; current money of the city of Hang chou fu, of the province of Che chiang. Above and below in Chinese *Tang-shih*; "good for 10."

(To be Continued) J. A. BRUDIN.

Numismatic Foundation Stones.

FIFTH PAPER.

IN THE study of coins we should never despise small things. "Large oaks from little acorns grow." In our visits to young collectors with humble beginnings, words of encouragement should be given, and in return we often get pointers, helps and new ideas. In a recent visit to one who was just making a start, the writer was astonished and pleased to note the number of varieties of Nova Scotia pennies and half-pennies he had ferreted out. There is hardly a collector, it matters not how few his gatherings, but can teach us something that had escaped our notice, and which throws new light on the science.

In such a vast field of research as we have before us, let us not run wildly and ignorantly over the whole ground, but be content to bring our best efforts into form and order managable, intelligible and concentrated, that a definite purpose may be accomplished

Nationality often has much to do in shaping the course of a collector; due to love of race and nationality, which is at all times commendable.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead;
"Who never to himself has said:
"This is my own; my native land!

The love of country will be strongly interwoven into the whole being of the true student of the science. To the citizen of the United States, American numismatics will always present a charm; to the native of France, Germany, England and other countries the numismatics of those nations will naturally present greater attractions. The early types of coins, Greek, Roman, Egyptian, &c. &c., are of great interest to all the gathering of which is not limited by our various nationalities, but can be pursued by those able and willing, with great profit to themselves.

Meatal overstrain by taking too wide a field for effort, is not wise. Philately, and other sister sciences, should be

left to specialists in their varied fields of labor.

In making exchanges care should be taken as to base of values or difficulties will crop out. From the large number of sales and priced catalogues, basic values can be obtained, or price lists of coins as issued by dealers can be used.

When coins are sold for cash auction prices should control, as individual collectors often vary much in estimating the value of their specimens. One of the labors before the A. N. A., should be the compilation, for general guidance, from the various past sales, standard prices of coins in all types and conditions; this work by different committees, appoint- from the society, would be of great benefit to all collectors.

In this age of fictitious literature giving false idealisms and incorrect records of the past, the tendency and trend of mental intuitions from such sources is downward. One of the advantages to be gained by our science, is the developement of a higher type of manhood. The errors, tyrannies and tragedies of the past, so faithfully portrayed by our coins, give us lessons of the most vital import, and to correct and improve by the lessons thus taught should be the highest aim not only of governments and peoples, but of each one of us individually.

JOS. HOOPER.

La Societe Numismatique d' Ottawa.

We take pleasure in informing our readers that the Society above has just been organized at the capital of the Dominion. We wish it a great measure of success, and that its influence may be for good, not only to each member individually, but to our beloved science as well.

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Echoes from a Coin Dealers Sanctum.

Previous to last June, the best collection of American coins was undoubtedly in the hands of Mr. L. G. Parmelee of Boston. On the 25–27th of that month, failing health caused him to sell at auction in New York the best part of it, which realized in the neighborhood of $25,000. He has still, however, many fine pieces which cannot be duplicated.

Mr. Parmelee is a baker by occupation, sending his famous Boston baked beans into all parts of New England and even farther west. In 1855, hearing there was a premium on old copper cents, he began the practice of looking over his pile (which was always a big one) every Monday, laying aside the best ones. He generally came to market Mondays with his old red pail full of copper cents, stopping on his way at State street to dispose of his fine ones at the brokers, receiving 10 to 25 cents each for them. At that time 1793 cents sold at the toll gates for 25 cents each, and at the brokers for double that amount, though occasionally an extra fine one would bring as high as a dollar. Five dollars was considered an extraordinary fancy price for the finest cent procurable.

1799 cents were always scarce, and five dollars was not considered exorbitant for a good one. 1804 cents brought from two to three dollars. For a long time Mr. Parmelee contented himself with saving the best of the cents that he picked up, selling or exchanging his duplicates, until he discovered that he had, with three or four exceptions, a complete set of dates in very fine to uncirculated condition.

He then began to buy at auction and of private parties, and turned his attention to silver and gold. He first bought the Seavey collection, then considered the best and most complete in the country, for which he paid $15,000; then the

Brevoort, rich in colonials, next the Bushnell, and he also had his pick out of the Crosby collection. On these four collections he spent $36,000. He also bought numerous minor collections. He has probably handled as many copper cents as any man in the country. His interest in fine pieces is still as keen as ever, and he is often a purchaser, though not in such a wholesale way as in his younger days.

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Henry Hill, that eccentric coin crank from Worcester, related how at one time late in the evening, he bought 800 copper cents and having no other way, attempted to carry them home in his pockets. The night was dark and it was snowing and blowing hard, and it was difficult travelling through the drifting snow. As he was about to step upon the sidewalk in front of his house, after crossing the street, one of his pockets gave way and the copper cents came rolling down his legs into the snow. He said nothing to any one, but went on up to his room and emptied his remaining pockets. He got a shovel and going out to the scene of his mishap, shoveled the snow over the fence into his yard. In a day or two it began to thaw, and for the week following he was picking up copper cents out of his yard. He finally recovered all but one.

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A neighbor of mine who was a baker once played a trick upon a creditor of his. He had bought a bill of flour amounting to $2400.00 and when the man came to collect it he told him he would pay it if he would take what coppers he had. He agreed, but was somewhat chagrined when the hired man was called in, and with an iron bar moved out a stout chest full containing 80,000.

It is needless to say that the creditor did not take them with him that night. ? ? ?

The founder of the celebrated house of Rothschild, old Meyer Amshell, began business in 1772, as a dealer in coins.

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Obverse of proposed Association Medal. Designed by Jos. Hooper.

We herewith present our readers with illustrations of

the medal proposed by Mr. Hooper for the Association. The description follows: Obverse: on outer rim "American Numismatic Association" - Org'd 1891 -. *De Profundis* (out of the greatest depths) A volume of Ancient History underneath the Numisma Students lamp; meaning that the Science takes first place as a truthful historical record, and is above written history. The rays of light thrown out from the flame signify the light thrown on ancient history by our science. The aid of Education is shown by the hand pouring, from an ancient vial, oil into the lamp.

Reverse: head of Pheidon, king of Argos; B. C. 895, under whose reign coins were first used. An appropriate motto surrounds the whole.

Mr. Hooper will probably have something to say on the subject next month.

Our Directory, and other important matter, we regret have to be omitted this month. Over 200 good names are in waiting. If this paragraph is marked, the recipients name will be found in either the May or July numbers.

Reverse of proposed Association Medal. Designed by Jos. Hooper.

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The Numismatic Association of England starts in with 35 members. They are now having their first election.

Mr. Tatman has a valuabl article in March *Plain Talk* on the Virginia Half-penny. When one looks up the authorities (?) on this coinage, and sees how little they knew, the value of the article will be appreciated. The Virginia Half-pence were struck by order of the government of the colony and their circulation was sanctioned by his majesty King George III, and Mr. T. gives the documents *verb. et lit.* to prove it. Mr Tatman isn't down at Cambridge studying law for nothing.

Tin medals are the coming rage. For our last we are indebted to Sup't Rule. Obverse, shield surmounted by a castle; inscription surrounding; "Pittsburg & Mexican Mining Co. 1891." Reverse; "Commemorating First Car Load of Metallic Tin Produced in North America." Size 24.

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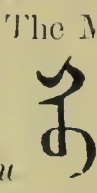
A numismatic journal should aim to be correct, and for this reason we call attention to the following errors in this issue. On page 52, top of page, the word *chien* and Chinese equivalent should be omitted; The Mantchu word *Kiyan* should take the place of in the text. The word means  in Chinese *Hsuan*, the city *Hsuanfu* On page 53 the Chinese word is upside down. It is needless to add that our Chinese compositor is discharged.

In the design for the Association medal, as illustrated in this issue, Mr. Hooper would add a pile of coins under the rays of light from the lamp on the obverse; also the hand holding the bottle should show distinctly. He would also make some minor changes in the helmet. With these changes he invites general criticism from each member of the Association. Size of medal 36.

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Jos. Leroux.

DR. JOS. LEROUX, was born in St. Augustin, Two Mountains, Province of Quebec, on the ninth day of April 1849, consequently has just passed his forty-third mile post. His parents, Diendonne and Domethilde (Allaire) Leroux, were of French descent and like many of the older French families, were blessed with a large family, twenty-two being the share that fell to this worthy couple, of which nine male and five female still survive.

It is not supposed that the subject of our sketch received extra attention during his earlier years; but his parents realizing the value of a good education started him to school at the age of five, and at the age of twelve we find him thrown upon his own resources and heroically fighting his way.

At the age of nineteen he was enabled to enter the Jacques Cartier Normal School at Montreal and progressing rapidly was enabled to begin teaching, as first teacher in a country model school in 1871. In 1873 he married Marie G. Mitchell, and two children, a son nearly thirteen and daughter of eleven years, are the result of the union. In 1877 he was awarded an academic diploma by the Provincial Government of Quebec. The following year he went to Europe to study the different educational systems on the continent. In 1879 was obliged to return home, on account of sickness and give up teaching; in this year he began the study of medicine at Laval University and in 1881 received his Bachelors degree, and in 1883 that of M. D.

We do not know when Dr. Leroux first turned his attention to numismatics, but we find that in 1880 the Minister of Public Instruction of Quebec awarded him honorable mention for a Numismatic Exhibition in Montreal, also that

he had been awarded a bronze medal for exhibiting his cabinet at the Montreal Fair held the same year.

In 1882 he turned his attention to numismatic literature publishing the "Canadian Copper Coin Catalogue," of which a thousand copies have been sold. The "Numismatic Atlas" for Canada followed in 1883; and in 1885 he published the "Collector's *Vade Mecum*."

"*Le Collectionneur*," a monthly journal devoted to numismatics, was published by him in 1886.

In 1888 the "Canadian Coin Cabinet" was given to the science, and a little later the supplement to the "Numismatic Atlas" was issued, followed in 1890 by a supplement to his "Canadian Coin Cabinet."

It will thus be seen that Dr. Leroux is quite an extensive writer on his special lines of study and collecting: the coins, medals and tokens of the Dominion of Canada. His works are the acknowledged standard on these subjects the world over. At the present time he is engaged upon a second and revised edition of his "Canadian Coin Cabinet."

In 1889 he was sent to Paris as a representative of Laval University, and special honors and privileges were given him in acknowledgement of his work in numismatic science.

Dr. Leroux is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in the city of Montreal. His leisure is mainly given to numismatic study; he can play a *rare* game of chess or checkers, and prides himself in being in one respect *unique*, being probably the only physician in Canada, weighing over two hundred pounds, that spins the bicycle.

It may not be generally know that Jumbo was a collector of coins, yet such on *post mortem* was found to be the fact. He didn't carry them around in his trunk, but in his stomach were found enough coins to start an average cabinet. He seemed to have a leaning (like Mr. Hooper) to the coins of the Anglo Saxon race.

The first English coin to bear date was struck in 1547

Numismatic Foundation Stones.

SIXTH PAPER.

A MEMORIZED epitome of various types of coins (along special lines) in all their varieties will be found of value. The ready ability to run through hoards of coins, and to place accurate values thereon without reference to standard works, saves time and money and is of great value when required to form estimates or make offers for purchase. To take a cabinet of coins and quickly place an accurate value, requires preparatory study in the science as well as a thorough acquaintance with auction and private sale values. The average collector starts out with very little knowledge of the road to be travelled, being content to gather information on the way, and though often paying dearly, they consider "experience bought better than experience taught." Advantage is often taken of the beginner by those having superior knowledge, in buying, selling or exchanging.

The depreciated value of coins in a low state of preservation, and the enhanced value of a higher state are leading factors in determining price. When a rarity in one condition sells for $5, and the same type in the finest degree or uncirculated state has touched $200, some idea can be formed what condition will do when pieces are offered at competitive sale and are of a very rare type. This rule will apply to all coins in all degrees. Where there are varieties in one years issues some will be rarer than others owing to the smaller number issued; for illustration,—the omission of the second R in the pewter "continental currency" dollar, or the placement of "*C Gobrecht F*" on the field (only eighteen being thus struck) instead of on the base, (of which one thousand were issued) in the U. S dollar of 1837. The milled edge 1858 Canada 20c, 10c and 5c in very fine condition will realize 75c; while if smooth edges $5. The lettered edge Victoria Gothic crown at $7, will if smooth or unlettered edge,

realize $15. or more. In very rare dates the same difference of values occur, as in the U. S. cents of 1793, 1799, 1804 & 1856 (nickel,) which are difficult dates to obtain in fine condition and command large premiums on account of their scarcity, due largely to the small number struck.

The energetic collector is often rewarded in finding himself possessed of rarities or gems in his collection, and this tends to stimulate and encourage him in the work. *Sic Valeas*, "Knowledge is power," and if used aright is of great value, but if to take advantage of those less favored, is dishonorable. Our advice to all is to get thoroughly posted on your lines of collecting, and to do it as soon as possible. By so doing correct judgements can be formed; to do this standard works, priced sale catalogues and current numismatic literature are indispensable. Avoid all useless correspondence; be concise and to the point, straightforward. Never wound the feelings of a brother collector by underrating, or depreciatory language; if his ideas as to value soar way above your loftiest conceptions, keep your thoughts; be charitable; he has a right to his opinions, you to yours.

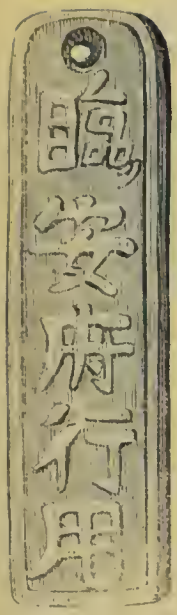
JOS. HOOPER.

What Becomes of the Coins?

Of the millions of half-cents that have been issued at The Mint, it is said that none have been returned for recoinage, or held by the Treasury. None of them are seen in circulation, and all of them outside of numismatic and curio cabinets have absolutely disappeared. Of the old copper pennies 119,000,000 still remain unaccounted for, an occasional one being seen in circulation. There are three million of the 4,500,000 bronze two cent pieces issued by the Government, yet to be found. Of the three cent nickel pieces, nearly two million are yet outstanding, and yet they are "almost never" seen in circulation.

In the reign of Alexander Severus, 222–235 A. D., an ounce of silver was equivalent to ten pounds of bronze.

Chinese "Hard Times" Tokens.



From the time of Christ up to the present, all the Chinese coins were cast round with a square or round hole in the center, but the emperor Kung tsung of the SUNG dynasty issued, in need of money, three oblong coins with obverses like the illustration herewith.

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As members of Room Committee, the President appointed Messrs. Belden, Valentine and Wright.

Attention was called to the fact that the Society would remove on May 1st to new rooms in the Academy of Medicine Building, 17 West 43d Street.

Tetradrachm of MITHRIDATES VI, B. C. 123–64.

The first coins struck for Pontus was during the reign of Leucon, 393–353 B. C. The country was subject to the Persian monarchy, until its conquest by Alexander of Macedon. The kingdom of Pontus was then established and the then satrap, Mithridates II, continued in power. For about three hundred years Pontus was a power in the world, and its history comes down to us written on a magnificent series of gold and silver coins and medallions illustrative of the highest type of Greek art,

Mithridates VI, successfully held the Roman legions at bay during his reign, but his son and successor, Pharnaces II in 47 B. C., was defeated by Cæsar and killed in battle, and the kingdom came under the dominion of Rome.

On the coin we here illustrate, the obverse shows the head of the king, Mithridates VI (The Great,) and the reverse a stag: the stag, pegasus and bull being symbolic of the religion of Ormuzd, and selected by the king as his special guardians.

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We expect to introduce two new contributors to our readers next month.

Will you be at the Convention next August? If yes, please give us your names.

Isn't it about time the Official Board decided upon the days in August on which our Convention is to be held?

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We are requested to ask of any one desiring to submit designs for Membership Certificate, to send the same to Mr. John F. Jones, 231 Steele St, Jamestown N. Y.

It is with regret that we note Mr. Deats has determined to abandon numismatics, and devote his attention entirely to philately. His numismatic and curio collections have been placed in the hands of Mr. Frossard for Auction Sale and will be sold about the middle of May.

A. S. Brooks No. 73, is about to take a trip to Cuba and other countries south. He will go with one numismatic eye open.

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We just learn that *Coin & Stamp* has succumbed to the inevitable.

The *Cabinet & Album*, a neat four page trade journal published by the Chicago Coin & Stamp Co, has been received.

With so many "beams" in our own eyes, we cannot with good grace take the "mote" from our brothers; nevertheless we are constrained to ask Brother Tatman to please make our friend Frossard, Counterfeit *Detector*, instead of Counterfeit *Director*.

The N. Y. Coin & Stamp Co. sold at auction on the 25d of April the fine collection of U. S. Pattern and Experimental Coins formed by Geo. D. Woodside of Philadelphia.

There are a few names on our Charter that should be removed. A member who has not paid in his dues after six months, is not likely to pay after a longer period. Better a hundred hustlers than a thousand laggards.

Mr. Chas Sulman, of Belleville Ont. lately had about $200. worth of coins stolen from his collection. The thief was after *intrinsic* value and evidently not posted in fictitious values.

COLOMBIAN EXPOSITION MEDALS. This new specialty in the domain of Numismatics is about to be launched upon us. The supply and varieties promise to be very prolific.

ONLY A SLIGHT BILIOUS ATTACK. As some our readers are aware; one of our good brothers had a "bad" spell in March; tongue had a green *patina* and tasted coppery; and everything inside his *planchet* felt as if it wanted to get

outside the environment of his *exergue*; in fact everything looked blue; and yellow and green streaks alternating chased athwart his mental horizon. Everything seemed to be going to the demnition bow wows, dragging the Association along with it just as fast as possible. For a time he hesitated, wondering if the trouble was with himself or the A. N. A., and finally wrote a number of members, asking if they had such *patinated* tastes, and things looked of a bile green hue to them? He has heard from them all, and the next time he will make no mistake. He will know that the A. N. A., is *all right*.

Mr. J. A. Brudin makes a specialty of Oriental coins, mainly those from China, Japan, Siam, Annam, Borneo, Corea, Thibet and Turkestan, and has about 2,000 specimens, probably one of the finest in this line in the country. To him we are indebted for the article on Chinese "hard times" tokens in this issue.

Howorth's Colonial Coins of Great Britain. We have a copy of this work in our library. Its low price places it in easy reach of every collector of coins. Brother Howorth has placed a copy in our Association Library; yet we doubt if most of our members will be satisfied without a copy of their own.

New Members. The following members are the result of the two last grinds of the Association machine.

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99 J. E. Fowler, Raymond N. H.
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101 Wm A. Voigt, Nelson Nebr.
102 C. Wesley Price, Plymouth Mich.
103 Charles Morris, 540 Adams St. Chicago Ill.

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The Brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

List No. 16.

For the following names and addresses of coin collectors of the Dominion, not before published in our Directory, we are mainly indebted to our professional, as well as numismatic brother, Dr. Jos. Leroux.

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3 Bedard, Henri. Hull
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3 Moreau, Jos Joliette.
4 Provost, J O. Box 489 Sorel
5 Rousseau, E L. St Zephirin
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1	Craig, A J. Pictou,		"	"
2	Doane, H L. Box 197, Truro		"	"
3	Gass, Rob't. Shubenacad'a		"	"
4	Hill, W A. Sydney C. B.		"	"
5	Sibley, Wm J. Amherst		"	"

Notes and Queries.

Will you or some member of the A. N. A., please give me some light on the following passage which I quote from Raynol's History of the East and West Indies, Glasgow 1812. Book XVIII. "The coin current in the English Colonies of North America, paper of the usual figure of the coin, still continues to pass in all kinds of business; each piece is composed of two round leaves glued one on the other, and bearing on each side the stamp that distinguishes them. There are some of every value. Each province has a public building for the making of them and private houses from which they are distributed. The pieces which are much worn and soiled are carried to their houses and fresh ones received in exchange." The above is all new to me and I should be very much pleased to receive some information in regards to this money. CHAS. H. HOWES. A. N A. No. 27.

Paul Bascom is informed that his second coin is from Pomerania; his third from Gottingen. Think he is mistaken in the initials of his first one. The best available guide for the general collector of German copper coins, is Scott's Standard Copper Coin Catalogue. H. R.

Wants To Exchange &c.

Wanted! Medical Medals and Tokens, and to know of such in public or private collections. Duplicates to dispose of. Dr H. R. Stover, (A. N. A. 67.) Newport R. I.

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To Exchange: For Coins, Medals and Tokens of all varieties, in fine to proof condition; or Fractional Currency in good condition, or Numismatic Literature; a fine lot of relics, curios, minerals, books etc. Send lists with prices, and get mine. W. H. Taylor, Union Station, Baltimore Md.

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Numisma's Rule

Roy F. Greene.

When evening shades have come to greet us,
And we lay all our cares aside;
Forgetting all our business muddles,
How friends applaud and foes deride;
In home, be it palace grand, or hovel,
From California's coast to Maine;
In quietude with friends to bless us,
We feel that Queen Numisma reigns.

Our Goddess calls us to her bosom,
Like lovers we obey her call,
And willingly fall captive to her,
And soon our heart-strings she enthralls.
In city, village, country, town;
No matter where our lot be cast,
For charms, delight, and love of art,
Thou! Queen of Numis, hold us fast.

Prince and peasant, rich and lowly;
Alike, seem captive to thy charms,
And all are ready to reach forth
And grasp you in their love-strong arms.
It seems quite strange that this should be,
To those who've drank not at the pool
Of pleasure which our science brings;—
She rules with mildness,– *let her rule.*

Numismatic Biography.

David Harlowe.

On April 20th 1860, the subject of this sketch was born in the County of Kent, the "flower garden" of England, and grew up under the shadows of the grey spires of Canterbury Cathedral.

After drinking from the fount of knowledge so far as his local privileges would allow, he on March 17th 1873, with the blessings of his parents, the eomiums of his teachers, and the sincere regrets of all the young damsels, started for Canterbury where a position in the office of the Canterbury Gas & Water Co., awaited him, without pay. At the end of the year he struck for higher wages; it worked so successfully, that at the end of each subsequent year, he did the same, always successfully, until at last we find him in entire charge of the accounts of the Company, besides some other government organizations as well.

En passant, it might be well enough to state, that it was while in the employ of this Company, that he developed that penchant for *gas* and antipathy for *water* that has ever followed him. It is also worthy of note, that his success, as illustrated in his first attempt, of beginning at the bottom and landing at the top, has accompanied him in all his efforts to the surprise often of his employers; two august bodies remain yet to be surptised:- The A. N. A.; and C. M. & St P. Ry.

In January 1880, he left Canterbury and went to the great metropolis of the world, but a few days of London fog in the narrow opening of Fen Court proved too dark and constricted for him, and hearing of America and that it was fully as large as England without being near as crowded, he was happily and safely transferred to a branch house of his firm, Stewart Brothers, at St Johns, N. B. Remaining here but a few months he was again transferred to another branch of the firm in the northern part of the province, among the

snows, pines and mills, of the lumbering town of Newcastle, where the winter of 1880–1 was passed and where he first met the lady who eventually became his wife.

Again he was called back to St Johns, but in the meanwhile he had heard of the United States, and in due time he notified his firm that after October 30th they would have to "paddle their own canoe" and that they had better lay in an extra supply of life preservers for he was going to spend a few days in thoroughly looking over the States, and probably wouldn't come back.

Not desiring to ally himself with any tribe of Indians he might chance to meet, he took the precaution at the last moment of getting married; took boat for Boston with Chicago as the ultimate objective point. This city he finally arrived at in safety, and after "seeing the town," including the crib, stock yards and the magnificent scenery along the mellifluent Chicago, he looked for a position and obtained one with the General Manager of the Chicago Telephone Co. as stenographer. Receiving a similar offer with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul Ry, he resigned and went to Milwaukee on Feb. 22d 1883, filling the position of clerk and stenographer until the general offices were moved to Chicago in May 1890, when the force of the First Ass't General Freight Agent being increased he was made Chief Clerk, which position he at present occupies.

Mr. Harlowe attributes much of his success in life to the carrying of George III 2d coppers as "good luck" pieces; he carries one in each breeches pocket to keep well balanced. To this simple fact the numismatic world is probably indebted to his being a member.

We have known Mr. Harlowe as a coin collector some six or eight years. He is one of the earnest, careful, steady, methodical collectors; always on the lookout for additions to his cabinet, indeed it is current in Milwaukee, that he once stopped the passing of the contribution plate and attempted to negotiate with the good deacon for a rare piece that he

had espied thereon. When the A. N. A., was first broached, he was one of the first to put his shoulder to the wheel and proved his sincerity by attending its first Convention in Chicago in 1891, when he was elected Treasurer without opposition. His family life is the brighter for the three children, two girls aged nine and five, and boy of seven, who grace its circle.

Mr. Harlowe insists that the brightest part of his career is ahead; leaving that to future historians, we would state that the sublimest portion of this sketch is also ahead. The plate that should frontespiece this number, and for which space is reserved, will be presented later.

Ancient versus Modern Coinage.

The careful student will find in the science of numismatics, truthful and tangible evidences of the past affording a pleasurable recreation as well as educational and intellectual developement, widening, reaching back and constantly giving forth fresh light from the centuries of the past, and the new fields constantly opening for research. Fortunately the construction of ancient types of coins, show premeditative design for enduration against the action and ravages of time; the heavy reliefs of the convex sides and protection afforded by a concave reverse to the allegories; thickness of metal used, and especial durability of the bronze issues have been the means of handing down to us historical links in the chain of evidences in a condition which the present issues will fail to do. The low reliefs of modern coinage will hardly be handed down to future centuries as a light on the past. Convenience, not durability, appears to be the main object in these days. The difficulty of obtaining sharp specimens in copper of British coins from William III down, or of good copies of the United States cents as compared with the Roman bronze issues covering a far greater stretch of time, is very apparent. Coins in hard metals recording great passing

events in the worlds history, as well as for the accommodation of trade, would give increased interest to their study.

JOS. HOOPER.

The American Numismatic & Archaelogical Society.

At the annual meeting of the above Society held on the 21st of March, a committee was appointed to see about having the Society represented at the Columbian Exposition, to report at a later meeting.

The names of F. D Blake and Charles Steigerwalt were dropped from the roll on account of non-payment of dues.

The propositions of Drs. J. Bouldin Breeding of Texas, and Geo. F. Heath of Michigan, were favorably considered.

The Committee on Publication announced that they had collected and arranged the papers and proceedings from 1887 to date, and that the material would soon be ready for the printer. The $400. necessary to publish same it was proposed to raise by subscription.

The Librarian reported 229 additions to the library during the year, 75 being of bound volumes.

The Curator announced a total of 229 additions to his department, 44 being in silver.

Treasurer's report shows the Society in good standing; the permanent funds well invested.

The following members have died during the year.

Honorary Members:– Benson J. Lossing L. L. D.; Jeremiah Colburn A. M.; and Robert Morris L. L. D.

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For roster of the officers elect, *vide* page 73, May No.

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To the Members of the American Numismatic Ass'n:—Your Committee on Official Organ desires to get a general expression from all interested in the conduct of the Official Organ for the ensuing year. Three propositions will probably be made you at our next Convention; viz:–

I *Plain Talk* as at present.

II THE NUMISMATIST at 50 cents per annum.

III The publication of our own official journal, in which case, if desired, THE NUMISMATIST with its perquisites and emoluments will be turned over to the Association.

As the report and recommendations of your Committee must, in a great measure, depend upon our instructions it is important that we have a full and free expression from each member, that the aims and ends of our organization may be best served.

Geo. F. Heath; C. T. Tatman; F. J. Grenny. Com.

To the Members of the A. N. A.

Pursuant to By–Law VIII, the Board of Trustees call for nominations for officers of our Association, to be elected in August 1892, such nominations to be sent to the Hon. John F Jones 231 Steele St, Jamestown N. Y.

J. A. Heckelman, Chairman of the Board.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

4 C. W. Stutesman, Loree Ind.

86 W. J. Luck, Adrian Mich.

Shall we see you at the Convention?

Let not this feature of the Association prove a failure. Make an extra effort to be on hand, to get acquainted with the boys and have a royal time at a royal place.

A few good papers of numismatic interest would greatly add to the enjoyment and dignity of the occasion.

The following, on May 6th, had not paid their dues. Nos. 7,13,17,23,31,33,57,58,61,69,70,71,72,73,74,77,80,81,82, 83,84,87,88,90,91 and 92.

Secretary Tatman, owing to absence in Europe, has resigned as Secretary of the A. N. A., the same to take effect June 15th. The Official Board will fill the vacancy until the Convention. It is a further matter of regret that he will not be able to conduct the Numismatic Department in *Plain Talk* the coming year.

The following are new members:—

104 Robert S. Link, Abbeville S. C.
105 Fred'k W. Porter, Room 36, C R I & P Ry., Chicago Ill.
106 Henry F. Clark, Danielsonville Conn.
107 W. G. Crowther, 26 Arnold St. Boston, Mass,

Look out for Treasurer Harlowe's plate, extra in July NUMISMATIST. He has been in special training for the ordeal. We shall also, in this number, take advantage of Secretary Tatman's absence in Europe "to show him up in his true colors", just "as black as painted." Our "fire works" number will begin Vol. V. Twentyfive cents *now* from non-subscribers, will give you the newsiest, brightest, liveliest volume of a hundred and more pages, that your collecting has ever known.

In this issue insertion is given to two remonstrances against the present system of exchange, and frequent letters in the same strain have been received. The builders of our Constitution, if they erred, determined to err on the safe side, "hence these bonds." This idea of giving "bond" we believe grates very harshly on the finer sensibilities of many of our

most estimable brothers, and so long as this bond is obligatory, we fear this most important department of our organization will fall far short of filling the full measure of its usefulness. We believe in placing the same safeguards about this department that any careful business man would take in conducting his business. We believe a good business man at the head of this department, (and we have one in Mr. Rode,) backed by a liberal and enterprising Board of Trustees, (and we hope we have this, also,) with full power and facilities to investigate the financial standing of every applicant for exchange, would be all sufficient. In fact, we think this whole matter of responsibility can be safely left with our Exchange Superintendent in connection with the Chairman, or majority of the Board of Trustees.

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The coin collection of Mr. Deats will be sold at auction June 12-13th. Catalogued by Frossard.

The *Coin Collectors Journal* is still on top and enlarges to eight pages next number. 15 cents a year gets it.

It is said that Mr. Parmelee has sold his extensive collection of coins to Mr. Appleton of New York, for $75,000.

There is good prospect now that Congress will authorize a Worlds Fair Half-Dollar.

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The death of W. R. Davies, of Wallingford England, a well known coin collector is announced. People traveled for miles to inspect his collection, said to be one of the most complete private collections in the Kingdom.

Chas H. Williams, of Ironwood Mich., wants gold dollars.

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Changes in address:–

Jas. A. Hossack, 203 Crawford St Toronto. Ont.

R. L. Wheeler, 15 Varney St Lowell Mass.

No. 11 F. R. Kimball, 15 Orange St Waltham Mass.

Collectors need to be on the lookout for counterfeits of the George Clinton copper of 1787, and the Lord Baltimore penny of 1650. A certain A. L Carroll, has lately been arrested in Lacrosse Wis., for trying to dispose of these pieces to collectors.

At a meeting of the American Numismatic & Archæological Society, New York City, on the evening of May 25th, Mr. Francis B. Lee of Trenton, N. J., read a paper entitled "The Colonial Jersey Coinage, from a Historical Standpoint."

Vice President Hooper's extensive collection of English & Canadian coins and medals, is in the hands of Mr. Frossard for sale the latter part of June. Catalogues of this and the Deats Sale furnished *gratis* by Mr. Frossard on application. Mr. Hooper intends to still remain in the ranks.

We have received from W. H. Donley, Owen Sound Ont., a very neat device of his invention, for mounting and handling proof or very fine coins. These holders consist of various sized circular discs cut out of heavy card-board, with back; the front being covered by movable mica, thus protecting the coin from the atmosphere and corroding gases, at the same time allowing it to be easily removed or examined without handling. This is something the fraternity has been waiting for, and we doubt not but Mr. Donley will find a ready sale for them.

OUR NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY

This list began in Vol. 3. No. 1. No names are inserted but once.

There are no doubt many in these lists who would be pleased to make exchange of duplicates. The brotherhood is a courteous one, and a courteous letter will receive a like reply.

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No less than seven responses have come in answer to the query of A N. A., No. 23 in our April number, all essentially the same Thanks are particularly due Messrs. Low, Frossard, Shiells and Beamish. Mr. Frossard's interpretation follows:— —

Obv.– Frederick III, Von Gottes Gnaden Markgraf zu Brandenburg.

Rev.– Des Heilgen Romischen Reiches Erz-Cammerer Vnd Churfurst zu (Magdeburg) In Preussen, zu Gulich Cleve Berg, Stettin, Pommern Herzog.

TRANSLATION.

Obv.– Frederick III, by the grace of God Margrave of Brandenburg.

Rev.– Arch Chancellor of the Holy Roman Empire, and Chur Prince (of Magdeburg) in Prussia, Duke of Gulich, Cleves, Berg, Stettin and Pommerania.

NOTE.– Two excellent works cover the ground of abbreviations in legends of European coins, viz:

I Schlickeysen & Pullman's Munzen Abkuvzungen.
Berlin 1882.

II Kentzmann's Numismatisches Legenden-Lexicon.
Berlin 1865.

J. M. B.— How many silver dollars were coined in (1) 1804; (2) 1819; (3) 1865; and cents in (4) 1799 and (5) 1804?

(1) 19,570; (2) none; (3) 32,900; [4] 904,585; [5] 756,838.

Tyro.— Has leather, outside of the skins, ever been used as a circulating medium?

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To provide a popular, practical, cheap and safe Exchange Department should be one of the main objects of the A. N. A. My opinion and that of several other members with whom I have discussed the subject, is that the present system does not fill the bill. First; few collectors will care to put proofs, very fine or rare coins on circuits and take the risk of damage by friction and careless handling. Second; the expressage on parcels will amount to quite a sum in the course of a year. But the most objectionable feature seems to be that requiring members to give a bond; although it is absolutely necessary that such a bond be given under the present system.

In order to avoid these objections I would suggest the the following simple and inexpensive plan; Members having coins to sell or exchange, to make out a description and priced list of them to be sent to the Sup't of Exchange to be numbered, registered, put into packets and started on circuits. Members desiring any of these pieces to cross them off the list and send the number of the piece desired together with the amount, to the Superintendent of Exchange who would notify the owner to forward the pieces on approval. The desirability of this feature will readily be comprehended. I would be pleased to have others make suggestions.

A. C. Gruhlke.

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